GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services– Registration & Stamps – Certain irregularities noticed in registering documents and causing huge revenue loss –disciplinary action initiated against Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar, Vinukonda (now retired at Markapur) – Inquiry – Inquiry Report – Communicated – Representation received – SCN issued – Representation received- Disciplinary action concluded –Penalty of withholding 10% pension for a period of four years besides recovery of Rs.3,39,277/- - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE –II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.342 **Dated:12.03.2020**

Read the following:-

1. Charge memo No.A1/51/14, dt.26-2-2014 of DIG, Prakasham.
2. From the C&IG,R&S,AP, Lr.No.X1/7445/2014, dt.27.9.2014.
3. G.O.Ms.No.392, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated 26-11-2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1070, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated 26-11-2014.
5. G.O.Rt.No.80, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated 27-01-2016.
6. Govt.Memo No.29665/Vig.II(2)/2014-4, dated26-03-2016.
7. From DIG,R&S, Nellore dt.31-03-2017 Inquiry report against Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, Jt.SR-I, (now Retd at Markapur).
8. Govt.Memo No.29665/Vig.II(2)/2014, dated:12-06-2017.
9. Rep.dt.30-07-2017 of Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, Jt.SR-I, (now Retd at Markapur).
10. Govt. Memo No. 29665/Vig.II(2)/2014-8, dated: 26.06.2018.
11. Rep. dt. 02.08.2018 of Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, Jt.SR-I,(now Retd at Markapur).
12. Govt. Letter No. 29665/Vig.II(2)/2014-9, dated: 07.09.2018.
13. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 611/DC&C/2018, dated 12.10.2018.
14. Govt.Memo No. 29665/Vig.II(2)/2014-10, dated: 07.08.2019.
15. From the C&IG, R&S Lr No. X1/7445/2014, dated: 28.12.2019.
16. Govt. Letter No. 29665/Vig.II(2)/2014, dated: 23.01.2020.
17. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr No. 611/DC&C/2018, dated: 24.02.2020.

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O R D E R:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, former Joint Sub Registrar, Vinukonda (now retired at Markapur) had registered certain documents irregularly by adopting lesser market value and thereby caused loss of revenue to the Government exchequer. The Deputy Inspector General, Prakasam District has initiated departmental action against the said Officer duly framing 13 charges for the irregularities committed in registering the documents vide reference 1st read above.

2. Whereas in the reference 2nd read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Prakasam has forwarded draft supplementary charges, against the above said Charged Officer as some more documents registered by the Charged Officer with deficit stamp duty were identified, through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh to the Government for taking further action against the Charged Officer under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 since the Charged Officer was retired from service on attaining the superannuation on 28.02.2014.

3. Whereas in the reference 3rd read above, sanction was accorded under subclause (1) of clause (b) of sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to initiate departmental proceedings against the Charged Officer. In the reference 4th read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 duly framing 29 charges.

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4. The Charged Officer has submitted the written statement of defense duly denying the charges. As the same is not convincing, Government vide reference 5th cited have ordered for regular inquiry and appointed the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Nellore as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges. In the reference 7th cited the Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry Report. The Inquiry Officer in his findings w.r.t., 1st set of charges (i.e., 13 charges framed by Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Ongole), observed that charges ii, v and vi are held proved and the remaining 10 charges are not proved. With regards to the 2nd set of charges framed by Government (i.e., 29 charges), the Inquiry authority observed that the two charges, viz., charge 6 and charge 10 are held proved and the remaining 27 charges are not proved.

5. The Government after examining the Inquiry Report have accepted the findings of Inquiry Authority and communicated the Inquiry Report to the Delinquent Officer to submit his representation, vide reference 8th read above. The Delinquent Officer has submitted his representation vide reference 9th read above.

6. Government after examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose the penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of four years besides recovery of Rs.3,15,900/- under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, former Joint Sub-Registrar, Vinukonda (now retired at Markapur). Therefore the Delinquent Officer was directed to submit his representation, if any in the matter vide reference 10th read above. The Delinquent Officer has submitted his representation vide reference 11th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter have observed that total amount to be recovered from the delinquent officer is Rs.3,39,277/- and have decided to impose the penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of four years besides recovery of Rs.3,39,277/- against Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, former Joint Sub-Registrar, Vinukonda (now retired at Markapur). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, agrees with the proposal of the Government to impose the said penalty against the delinquent officer vide reference 17th read above.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose the penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of four years besides recovery of Rs.3,39,277/- against Sri D.Hanumantha Rao, former Joint Sub-Registrar, Vinukonda (now retired at Markapur).

9. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To
Sri D. Hanumantha Rao, former Joint Sub-Registrar, Vinukonda (now retired at Markapur). (through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada).
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Ongole, Prakasam District.
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